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La supplementazione di Vit. D nel paziente diabetico



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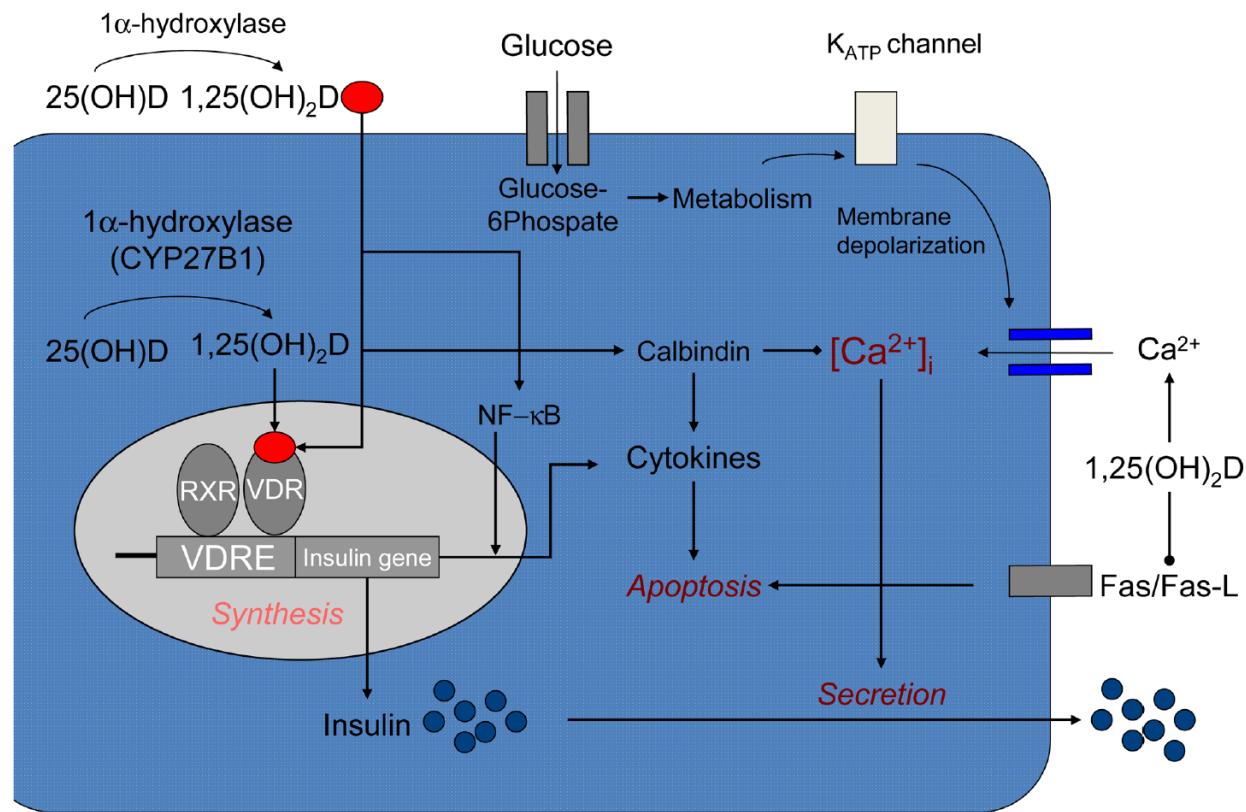
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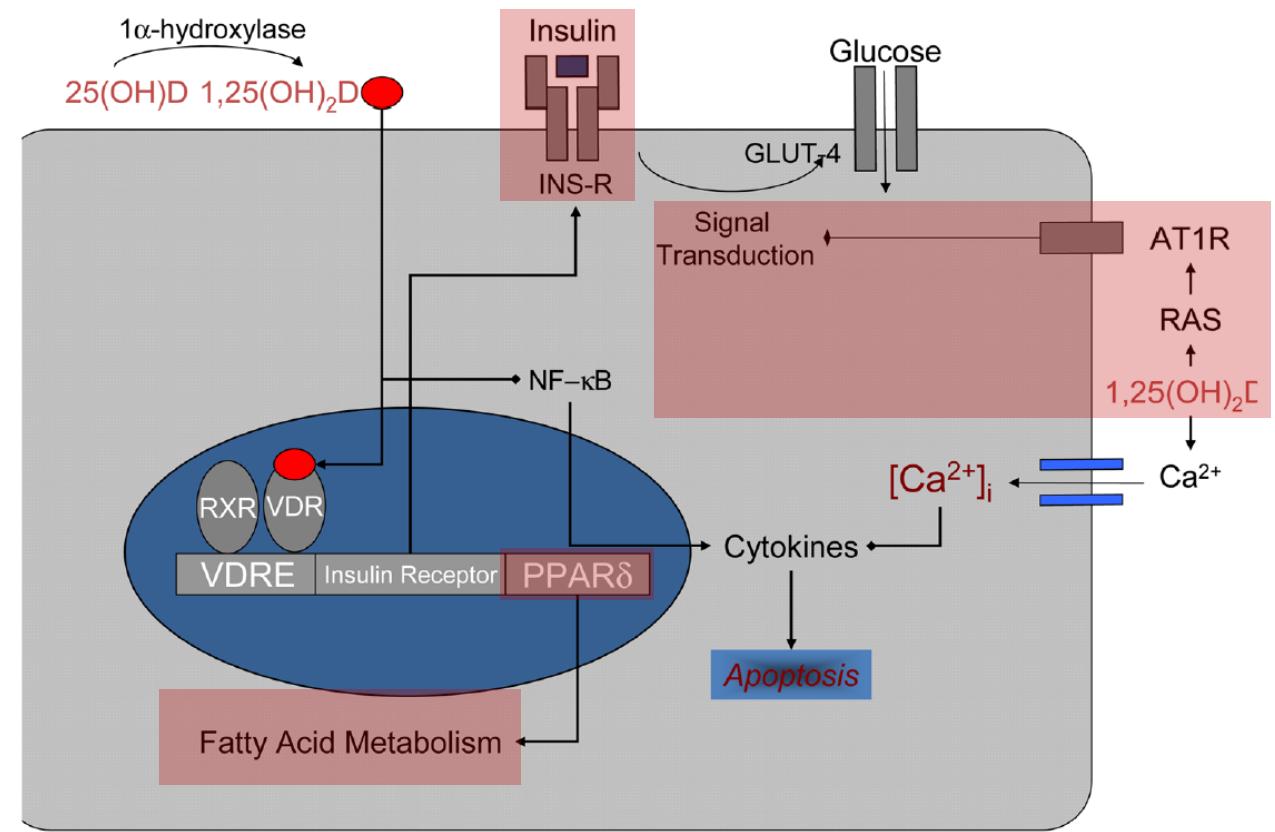
Vitamin D and Insulin Secretion

- The **1,25OH₂D-VDR complex** binds to the **VDRE in the human insulin gene promoter**, to enhance the transcriptional activation of the insulin gene and increase the synthesis of insulin.
- Vitamin D may **promote beta-cell survival** by modulating the generation and effects of cytokines and by downregulating the Fas related pathways (Fas/Fas-L).
- Activation of vitamin D also occurs intracellularly by **1-alpha hydroxylase**, which is **expressed in pancreatic beta cells**.
- Vitamin D regulates **calbindin**, a Ca-binding protein, which **modulates insulin release via regulation of intracellular calcium**. Calbindin may also protect against apoptosis via its ability to buffer intracellular calcium.
- Vitamin D may indirectly **regulates insulin secretion** via extracellular calcium (Ca^{2+}) flux through the beta cell and intracellular calcium (Ca^{2+})

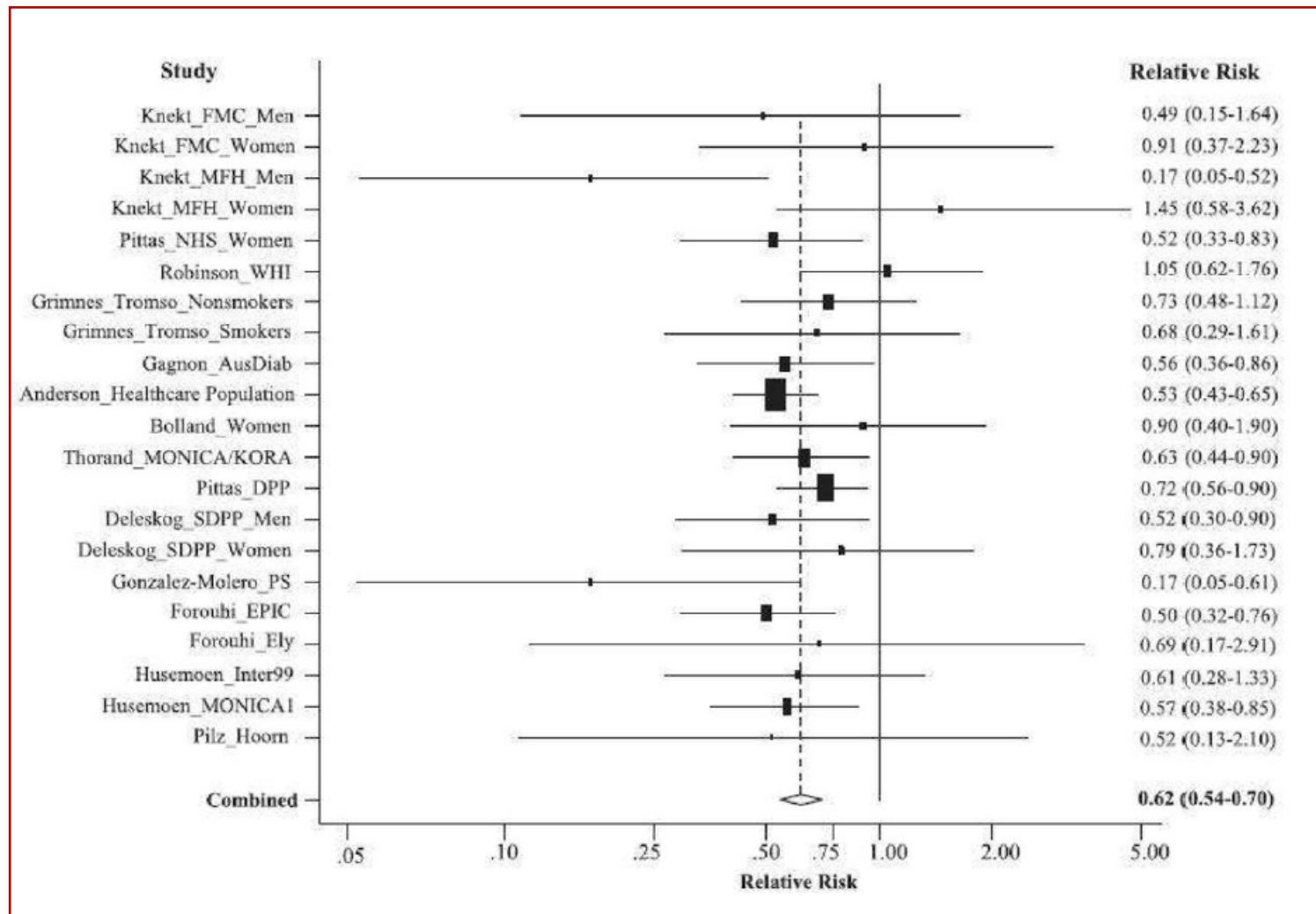


Vitamin D and insulin action in peripheral insulin target cells

- In **insulin target cells** (liver, adipose tissue and muscle) vitamin D **stimulates the expression of INS-R**
- VitD **activates PPAR- δ** , a transcription factor implicated in the regulation of fatty acid metabolism.
- VitD **regulates extracellular Ca and flux through cell membranes**. Changes in intracellular calcium contributes to insulin resistance *via* an impaired insulin signal transduction and a decreased glucose transporter activity.



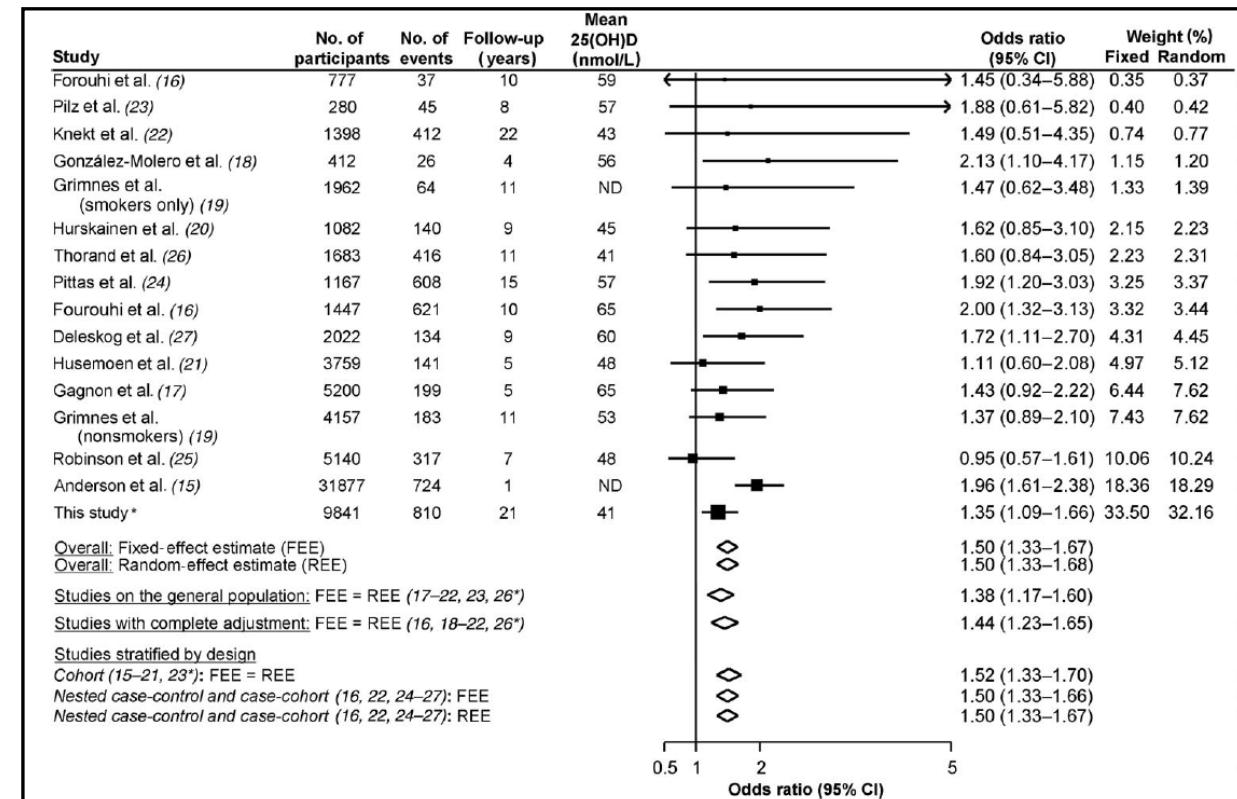
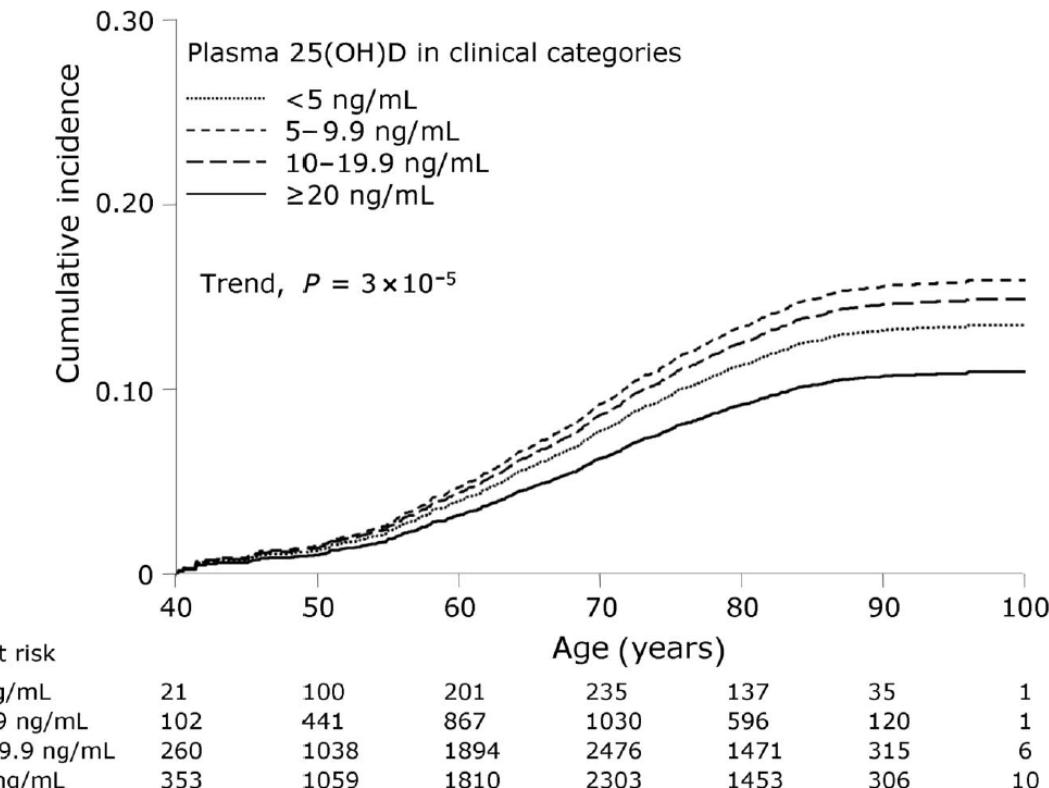
Risk of developing type 2 diabetes according to baseline vitamin D levels



4 ng/ml increment in 25OHD levels is associated with a 4% lower risk of T2D



Low 25OHD and risk of type 2 diabetes: A prospective cohort study and metanalysis



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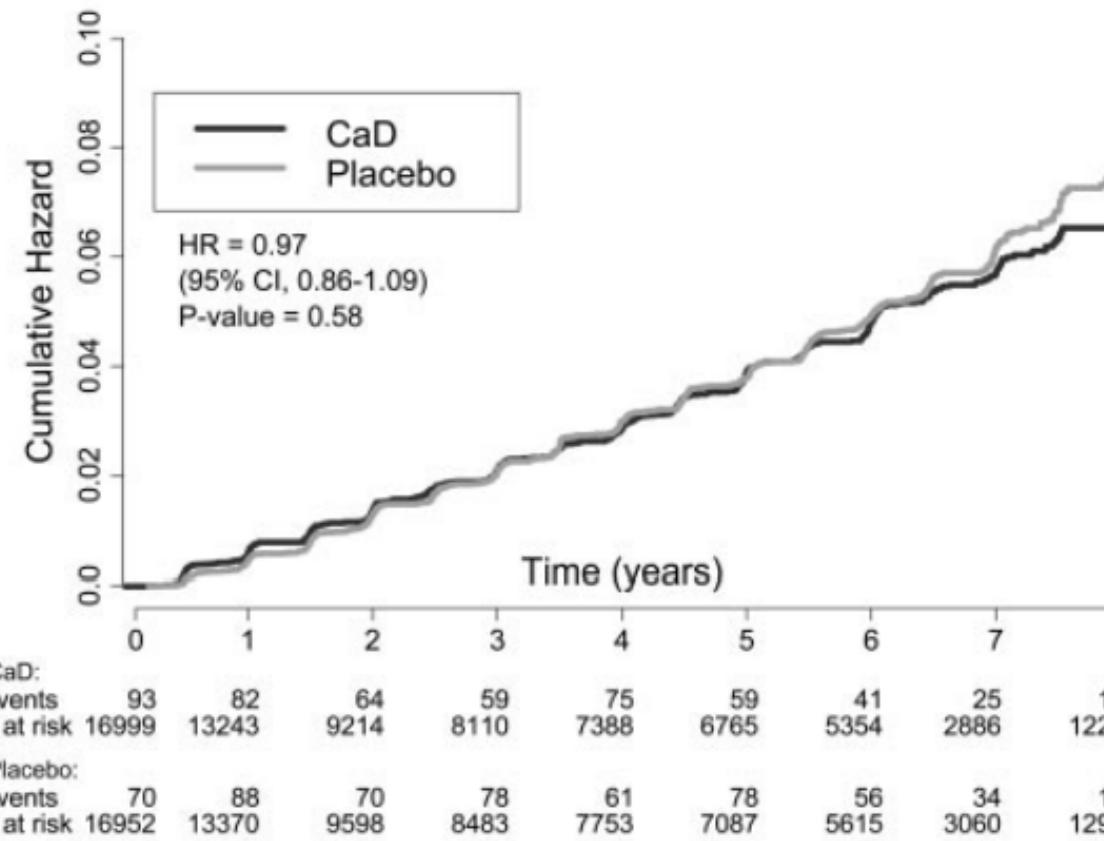
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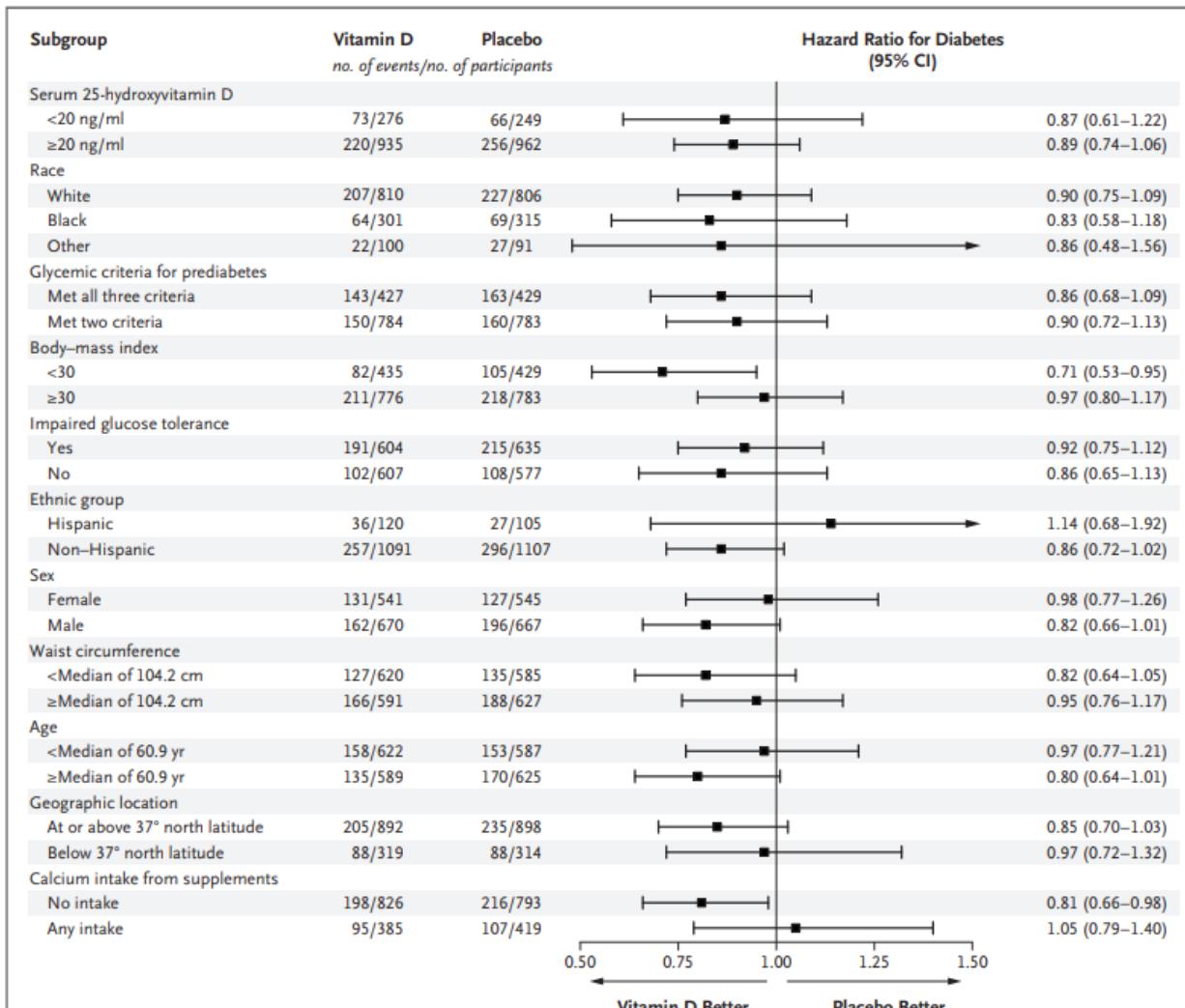
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Calcium Plus Vitamin D Supplementation and the Risk of Incident Diabetes in the Women's Health Initiative

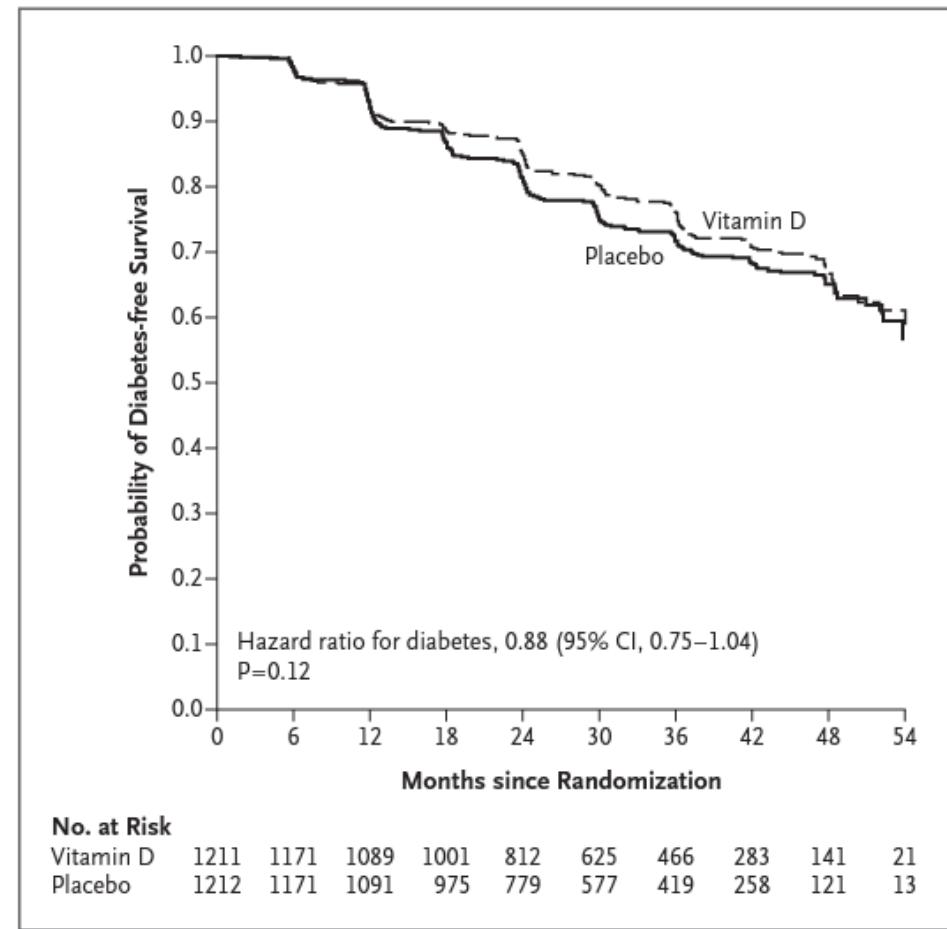


- N= 33,951 participants without self-reported diabetes at baseline
- Treatment: 1,000 mg elemental calcium plus 400 IU of vitamin D3 daily, or placebo

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**Figure 3. Prespecified Subgroup Analyses.**

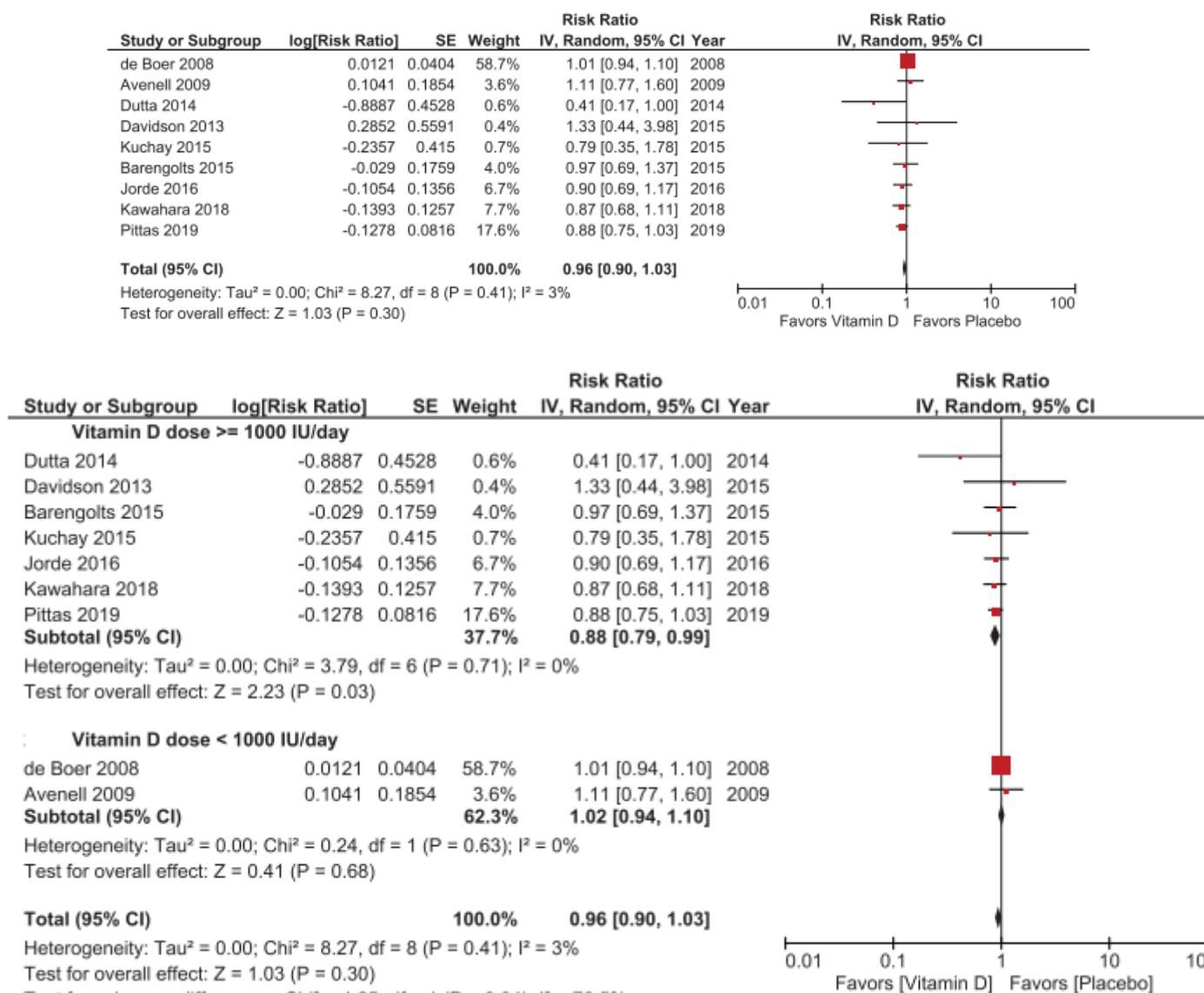
Participants met at least two of three glycemic criteria for prediabetes: fasting plasma glucose level, 100 to 125 mg per deciliter (5.6 to 6.9 mmol per liter); plasma glucose level 2 hours after a 75-g oral glucose load, 140 to 199 mg per deciliter (7.8 to 11.0 mmol per liter) (impaired glucose tolerance); and glycated hemoglobin level, 5.7 to 6.4% (39 to 47 mmol per mole). To convert the values for 25-hydroxyvitamin D to nanomoles per liter, multiply by 2.496.

**Figure 2. Kaplan-Meier Curves for Survival Free from Diabetes among Adults at Risk for Type 2 Diabetes.**

The hazard ratio for new-onset diabetes between the vitamin D group and the placebo group is derived from Cox regression, with stratification according to trial site, body-mass index, and race.

Pittas AG et al. N Engl J Med 2019;381:520-30

Effect of Vitamin D Supplementation on the Incidence of Diabetes

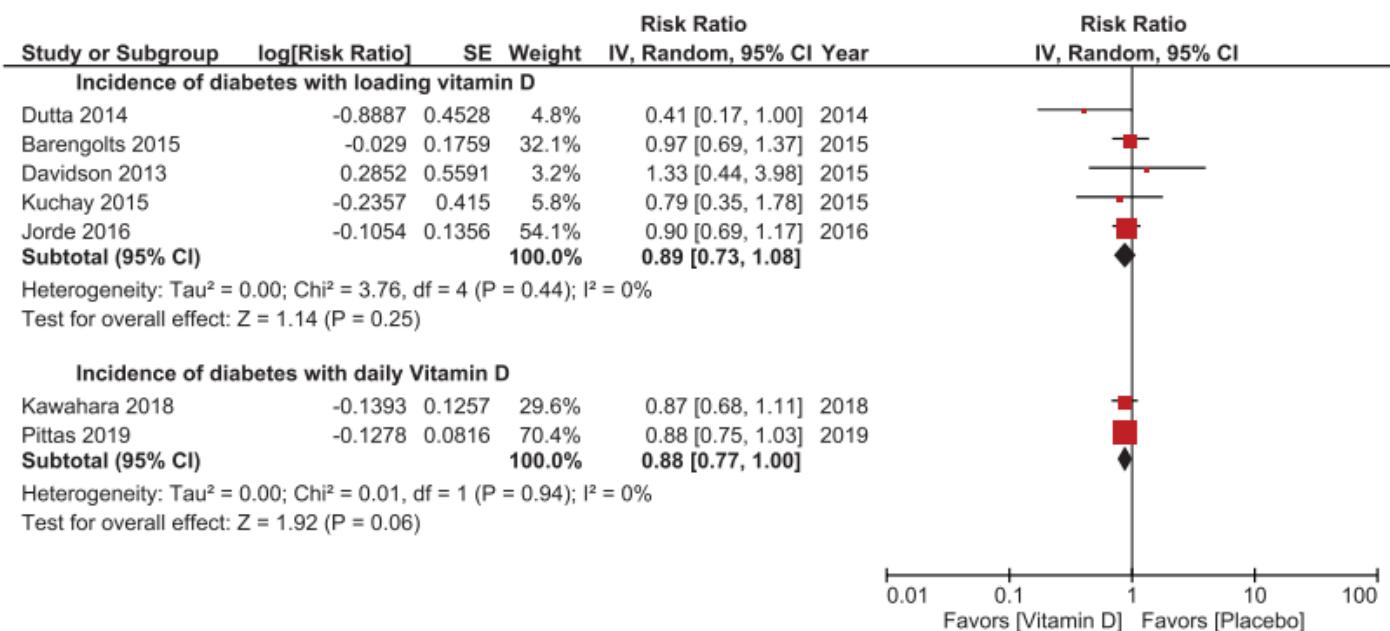
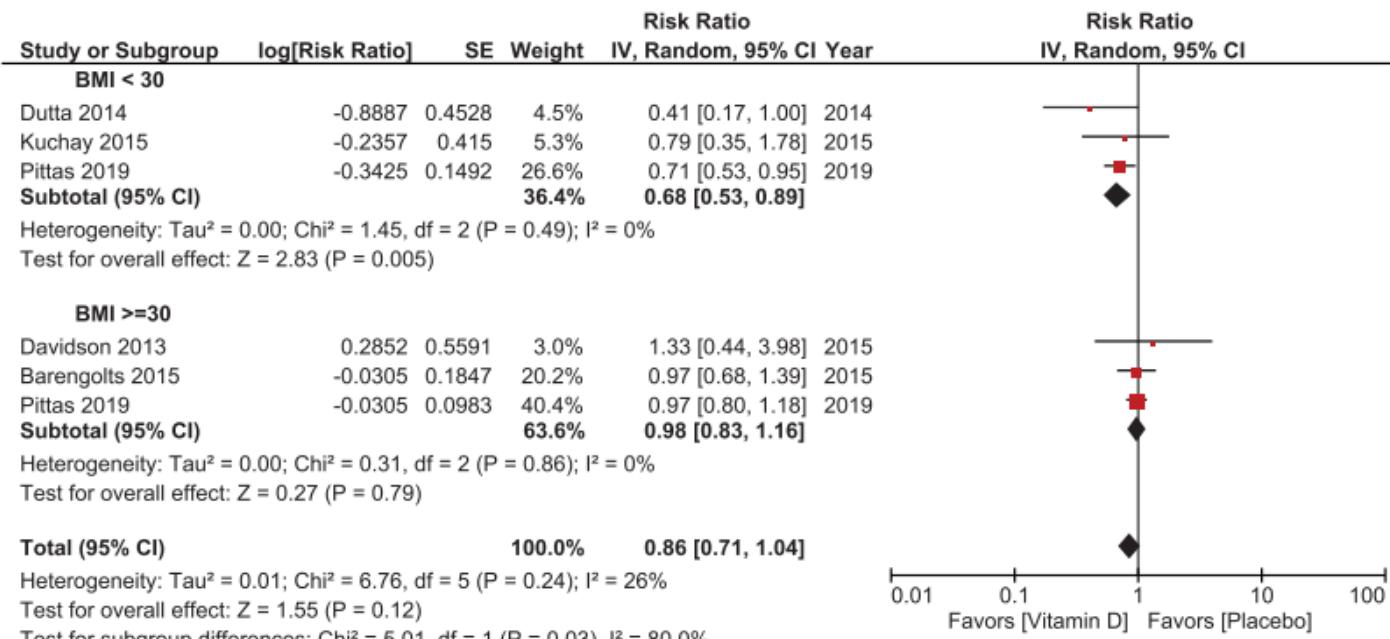


Conclusion:

vitamin D supplementation at moderate to high doses (≥ 1000 IU/day), significantly reduced the incidence risk of T2DM, compared with placebo

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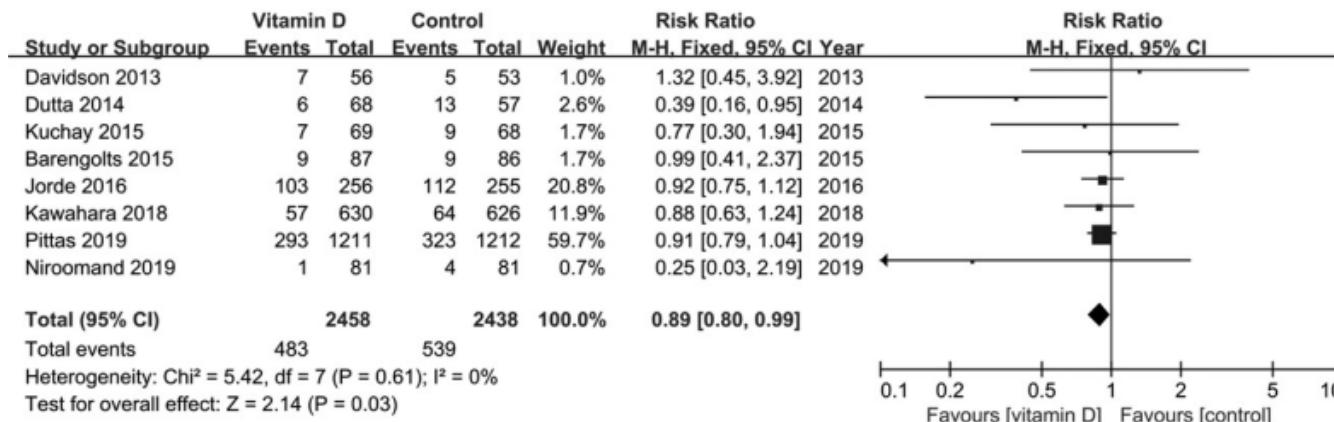




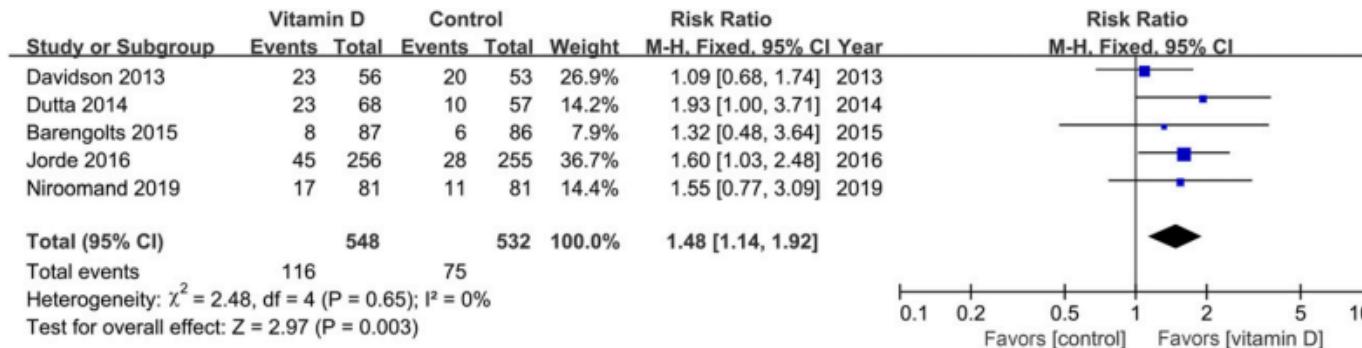
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Effects of Vitamin D Supplementation on Prevention of Type 2 Diabetes in Patients With Prediabetes: A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis

Risk of developing diabetes



Reversion of prediabetes to normal



Conclusions:

In persons with prediabetes, vitamin D supplementation **reduces the risk of T2DM** and **increases the reversion rate of prediabetes to normoglycemia**. The benefit of the prevention of T2DM could be limited to nonobese subjects.

Individual participant data meta-analyses are needed to confirm these findings.

Zhang Y et al. Diabetes Care 2020;43:1650–1658



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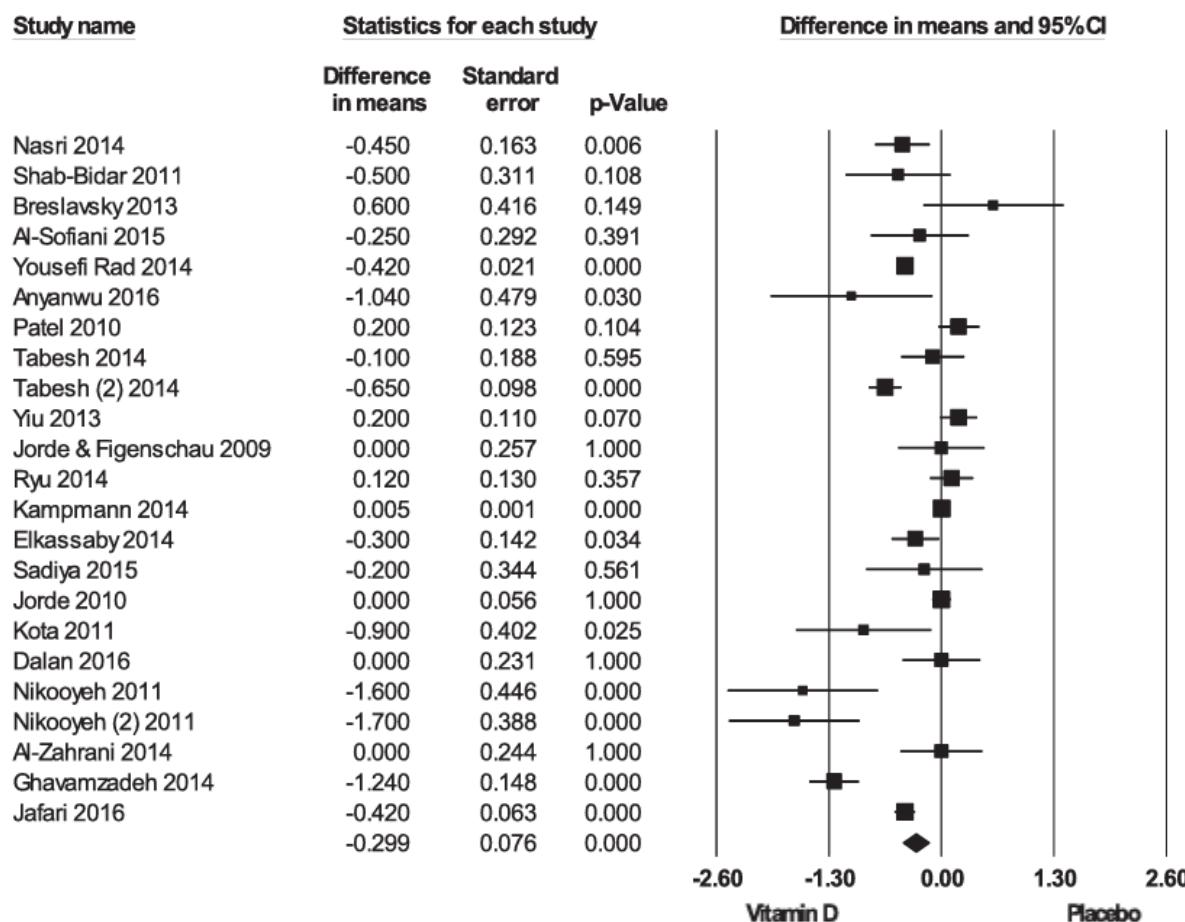


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The Effect of Improved Serum 25-Hydroxyvitamin D Status on Glycemic Control in Diabetic Patients: A Meta-Analysis

Mean difference in the change of HbA1c (%)



Subgroup Analysis	No. of Study	No. of Subjects		Mean Difference (95% CI)	P Value
		Vitamin D	Placebo		
Concomitant use of Ca					
HbA1c (%)					
D vs placebo	18	643	642	-0.25 ± 0.08 (-0.41 to -0.09)	0.003
D + Ca vs placebo	6	239	228	-0.50 ± 0.2 (-0.89 to -0.09) ^a	0.01
FPG (mg/dL)					
D vs placebo	16	598	596	-6.7 ± 2.2 (-11.0 to -2.2)	0.003
D + Ca vs placebo	6	239	228	-9.5 ± 4.9 (-18.9 to -0.2) ^a	0.04
HOMA-IR					
D vs placebo	8	212	208	-0.62 ± 0.3 (-1.2 to -0.05)	0.03
D + Ca vs placebo	4	174	163	-0.69 ± 0.3 (-1.34 to -0.04)	0.04
Obesity					
HbA1c (%)					
Obese	5	173	157	-0.16 ± 0.15 (-0.45 to 0.132)	0.2
Nonobese	19	709	713	-0.34 ± 0.08 (-0.51 to -0.18) ^a	< 0.001
FPG (mg/dL)					
Obese	5	173	157	-5.0 ± 1.8 (-8.6 to -1.3)	0.009
Nonobese	17	664	667	-8.1 ± 2.7 (-13.3 to -2.7) ^a	0.003
HOMA-IR					
Obese	3	104	92	-0.28 ± 0.16 (-0.60 to 0.04)	0.09
Nonobese	9	388	389	-0.74 ± 0.26 (-1.25 to -0.22) ^a	0.005
25(OH)D level at baseline					
HbA1c (%)					
<20 ng/mL	12	382	381	-0.29 ± 0.13 (-0.55 to -0.03)	0.02
≥20 ng/mL	12	500	489	-0.29 ± 0.09 (-0.46 to -0.12)	0.001
FPG (mg/dL)					
<20 ng/mL	11	367	365	-1.1 ± 1.4 (-4.0 to 1.6)	0.4
≥20 ng/mL	11	470	459	-8.6 ± 2.7 (-13.9 to -3.4) ^a	0.001
HOMA-IR					
<20 ng/mL	6	312	313	-0.43 ± 0.29 (-0.99 to 0.14)	0.1
≥20 ng/mL	6	180	168	-0.82 ± 0.32 (-1.44 to -0.20) ^a	0.01

Abbreviation: Ca, calcium.

^aSignificant difference between groups (t-test, P < 0.05).

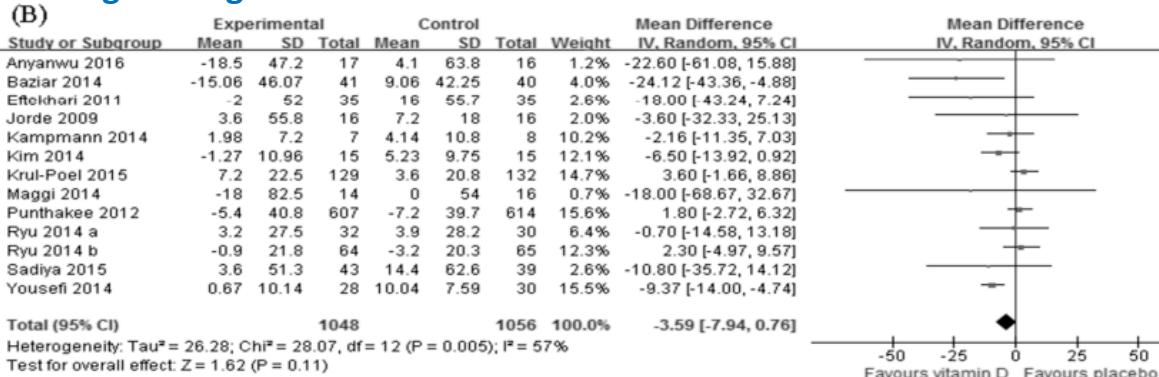
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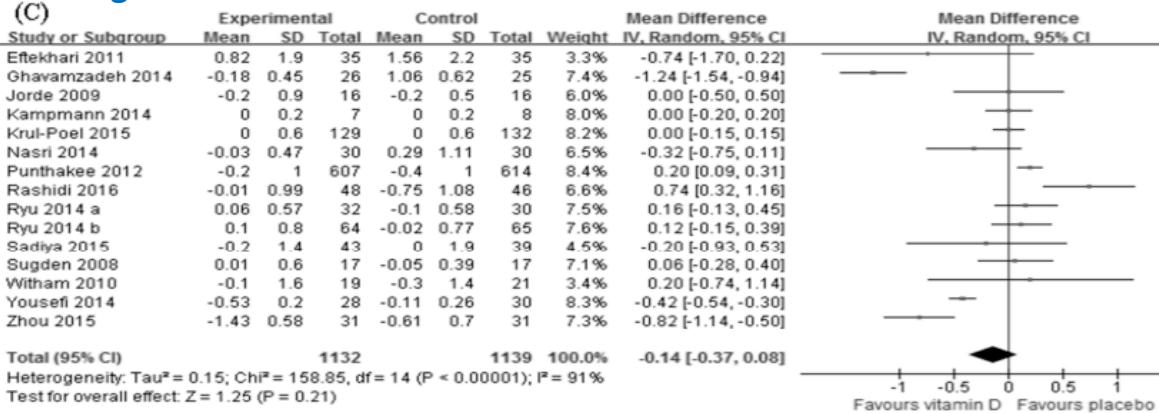
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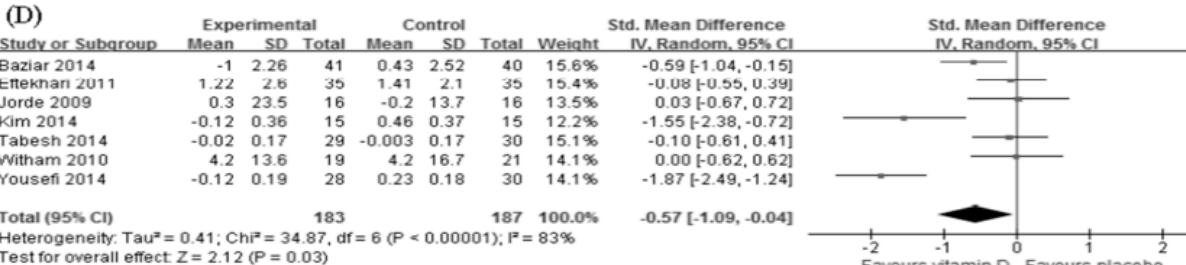
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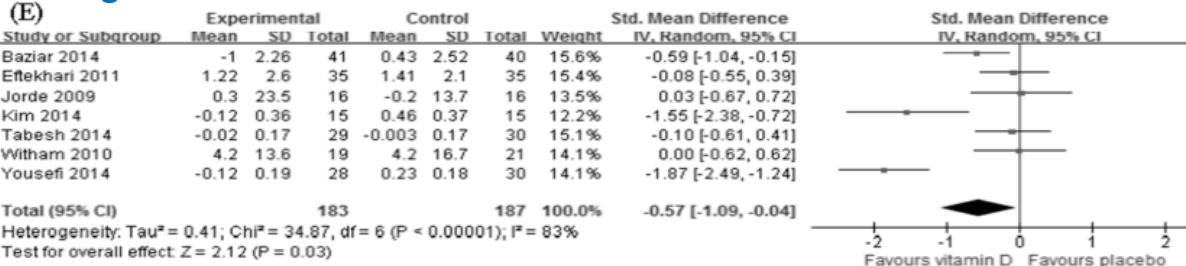
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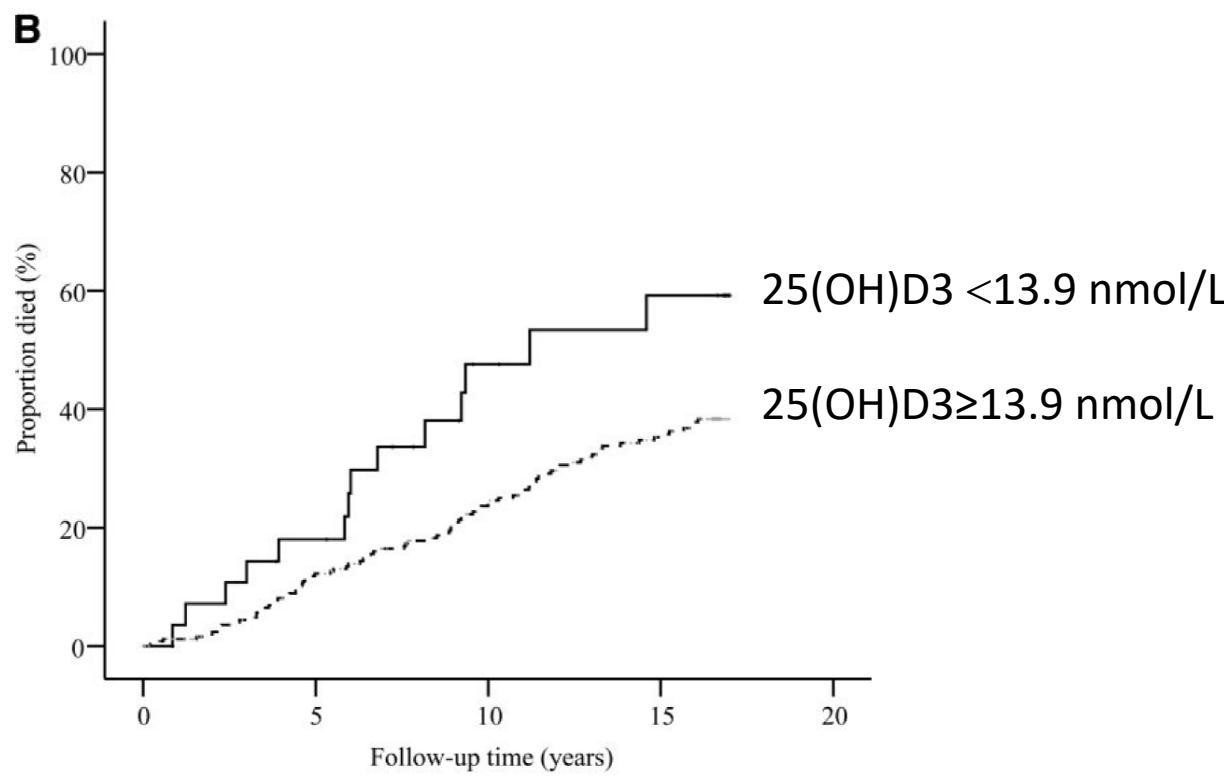
HOMA



fasting insulin



VITAMIN D AND CARDIOVASCULAR DISEASE IN DIABETES



- In T2D patients, **severe vitamin D deficiency predicts increased risk of cardiovascular mortality**, independent of conventional cardiovascular risk factors. Whether vitamin D substitution improves prognosis remains to be investigated.

Joergensen C et al, Diabetes Care, 2010





Vitamin D and diabetes mellitus: Causal or casual association?

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Abstract The incidence of both type 2 and type 1 diabetes mellitus has been increasing worldwide. Vitamin D deficiency, or the awareness of its prevalence, has also been increasing. Vitamin D may have a role in the pathogenic mechanisms predisposing to type 2 diabetes by modulating insulin resistance and/or pancreatic β-cell function. Vitamin D status or elements involved in its activation or transport may also be involved in the development of type 1 diabetes mellitus through immunomodulatory role. Based on these observations a potential association between vitamin D and diabetes has been hypothesized. In this review we discuss up to date evidence linking vitamin D with the development of diabetes. Moreover, the role of vitamin D supplementation in the prevention of both types of diabetes is analysed together with its role in improving glycemic control in diabetic patients. We also address the potential role of vitamin D deficiency in the development of macro- and microvascular complications in diabetes. Finally, we provide recommendation for Vitamin D therapy in diabetes in view of current evidence and highlight areas for potential future research in this area.

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Abbreviations

T2DM	Type 2 diabetes mellitus
T1DM	Type 1 diabetes mellitus
VDR	Vitamin D receptor
PTH	Parathyroid hormone
GLUT-4	Glucose transporter-4
PPAR	Peroxisome proliferator-activated receptor
25(OH)D	25-hydroxyvitamin D
OGTT	Oral glucose tolerance test
HbA1c	Glycated hemoglobin
VDBP	Vitamin D binding protein
NOD mice	Non obese diabetic mice
CRF	Chronic renal failure
RAAS	Renin-angiotensin-aldosterone system
GFR	Glomerular filtration rate
DN	Diabetic neuropathy
DR	Diabetic retinopathy
CHD	Coronary heart disease
CVD	Cardiovascular disease
IMT	Intima-media thickness

1 Introduction

Type 2 diabetes mellitus (T2DM) is a chronic condition of multifactorial nature with insulin resistance, and subsequent pancreatic beta cell failure, playing a key role in pathogenesis [1]. In contrast, type 1 diabetes mellitus (T1DM) is the result of a progressive autoimmune destruction of pancreatic beta cells in genetically susceptible individuals [2, 3]. Vitamin D,

Table 4 Vitamin D and diabetes complications: A resume

Microvascular Complications

Diabetic Renal Disease

Higher risk of diabetic nephropathy in vitamin D-deficient patients. Vitamin D therapy reduces urinary albumin secretion in diabetes patients.

In need of further supplementation studies.

Diabetic neuropathy

Oral supplementation improves neuropathic symptoms. Careful vitamin D supplementation monitoring is needed. Data in T1DM patients are scarce.

Diabetic retinopathy

Higher risk of diabetic retinopathy in vitamin D-deficient T1DM patients. VDR gene polymorphisms may be linked to retinopathy risk in T1DM.

Data in T2DM patients are scarce.

Vitamin D supplementation in vitamin D deficient T1DM and T2DM seems rational.

Macrovascular Complications

25(OH)D levels are an independent predictor of incident macrovascular events among T2DM patients.

No association of 25(OH)D levels with the prevalence of CVD among T1DM patientst has been proven yet.

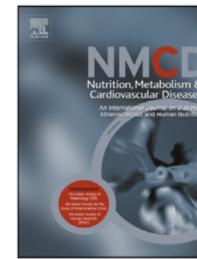
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Management of bone fragility in type 2 diabetes: Perspective from an interdisciplinary expert panel



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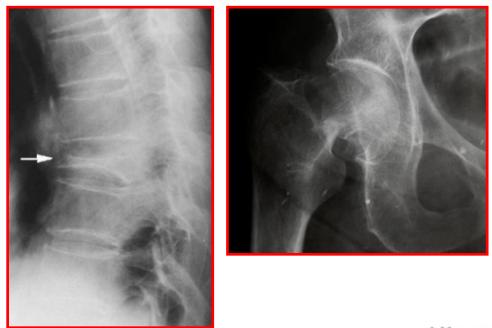




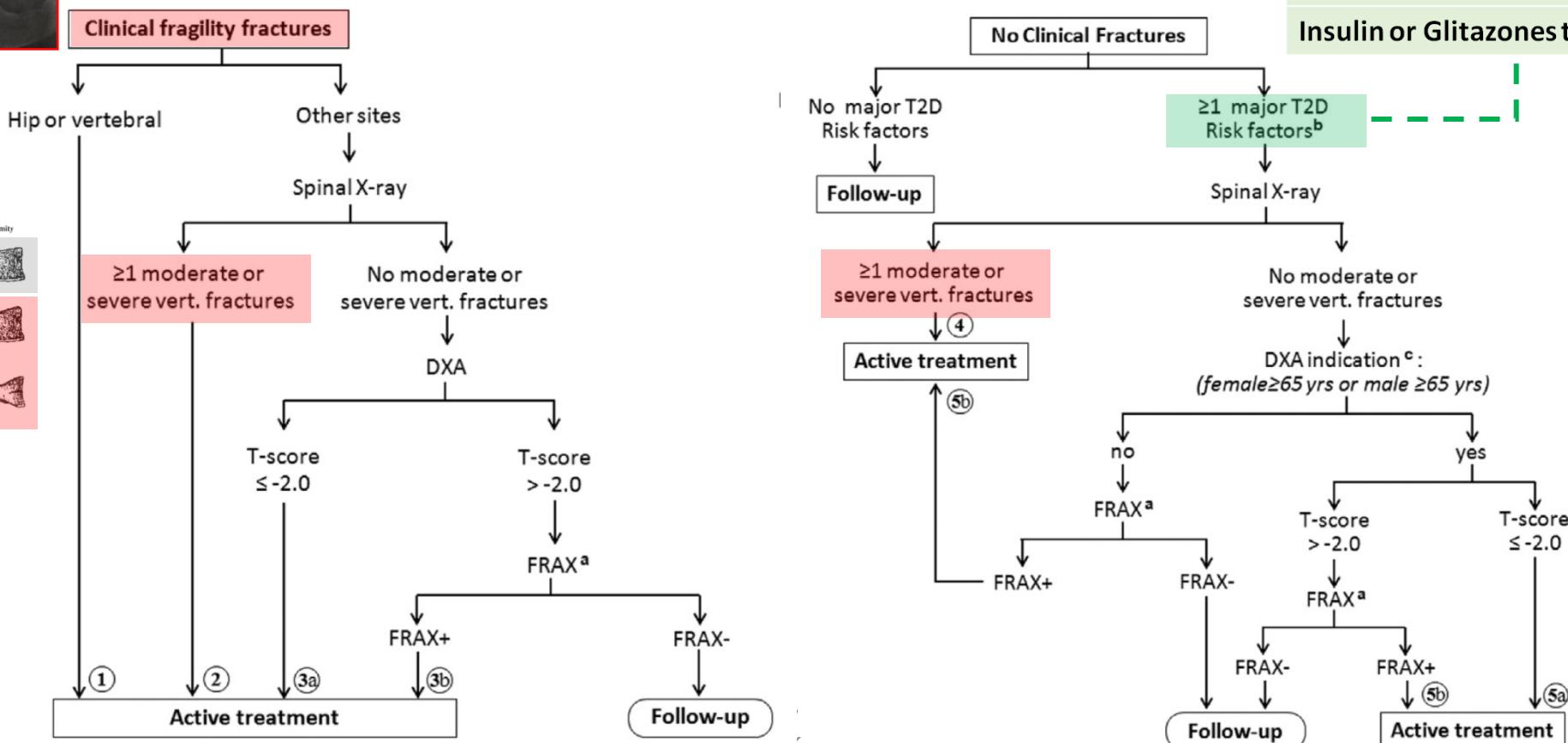
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Which are the risk factors for bone fragility in type 2 diabetes?

Falling history, sarcopenia, and vitamin D deficiency

Vitamin D deficiency might further increase fall risk and fracture risk in T2D, albeit an U-shaped association between vitamin D and falls has been suggested, with high, intermittent vitamin D doses being associated with increased risk of falling [50]. Moreover, vitamin D deficiency has been found to be more common in T2D subjects than in non-diabetic individuals [51] and circulating vitamin D levels in T2D patients have been inversely correlated with HbA1c levels, even after controlling for confounding factors, such as BMI and diabetes duration [52]. Low vitamin D levels (e.g., <20 ng/ml) have been associated with an increased risk of vertebral fractures in T2D men, but not women [53]. Thus, despite the possibility to improve metabolic control or to prevent the onset of the disease by vitamin D supplementation in T2D patients is still debated, correcting vitamin D deficiency/insufficiency should be advisable in most T2D patients [17].

How to prevent and treat bone fragility in T2D patients?

Dietary and lifestyle recommendations

glucose tolerance [169]. Based on the above considerations and given the lack of major safety and toxicity concerns about vitamin D supplementation, members of this panel suggest that, when possible, an adequate 25OHD threshold around 30 ng/dl should be pursued in T2D patients.





Review

Definition, Assessment, and Management of Vitamin D Inadequacy: Suggestions, Recommendations, and Warnings from the Italian Society for Osteoporosis, Mineral Metabolism and Bone Diseases (SIOMMMS)

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Table 1. Definition of Vitamin D Status.

	Deficiency *	Insufficiency *	Optimal * Optimum *
GENERAL POPULATION	<10 ng/mL	<20 ng/mL	20–50 ng/mL
POPULATION AT RISK ** OR ON TREATMENT WITH BONE MODIFYING AGENTS	<10 ng/mL	<30 ng/mL	30–50 ng/mL

* Reported cut-off values should be considered with a margin of variability of +/−10%, considering the analytical variability of the 25(OH)D dosage. Moreover, due to the seasonal variability of 25(OH)D levels, a dosage performed at the end of winter/early spring should be particularly considered. A serum value of <10 ng/mL (25 nmol/L) is associated with rickets and osteomalacia, if long lasting. From ng/mL to nmol/L: ng/mL × 2.5.

** The population at risk of hypovitaminosis is shown in Table 2.

Table 2. Population/condition at risk of hypovitaminosis D.

- Old people (≥ 75 years)
- Institutionalized subjects or conditions associated with inadequate solar exposure
- Obesity
- Pregnancy and breast-feeding
- Metabolic bone diseases and other skeletal disorders
- Vegan diet
- Anorexia nervosa
- Chronic renal failure
- Cancer (in particular breast, prostate, and colon)
- Type 2 diabetes mellitus
- Intestinal malabsorption and bariatric surgery
- Drugs that interfere with the absorption or hepatic metabolism of vitamin D (antiepileptics, glucocorticoids, antiviral AIDS, antifungal agents, cholestyramine)
- Cystic fibrosis



The association of serum 25-hydroxyvitamin D and vertebral fractures in patients with type 2 diabetes

Prevalence of vertebral fracture and severity according to vitamin D status in men and women

	25(OH)D level [ng/mL]			<i>p</i> value
	≥ 30	20-29.9	< 20	
I. Men				
Presence of vertebral fracture	10 (9.4%)	5 (17.9%)	10 (21.7%)	0.036
Severity of vertebral fracture				0.092
Mild	2 (1.8%)	3 (10.7%)	4 (8.7%)	
Moderate	7 (6.6%)	2 (7.1%)	5 (10.9%)	
Severe	1 (0.9%)	0 (0%)	1 (2.2%)	
II. Women				
Presence of vertebral fracture	10 (14.4%)	9 (19.1%)	12 (26.6%)	0.111
Severity of vertebral fracture				0.410
Mild	0 (0%)	2 (4.3%)	6 (13.3%)	
Moderate	5 (7.2%)	3 (6.4%)	1 (2.2%)	
Severe	5 (7.2%)	4 (8.5%)	5 (11.1%)	

Associations between vitamin D status and the presence of vertebral fractures in men and women

25(OH)D	Model 1	Model 2	Model 3
A. Men			
< 20 ng/mL	3.09* (1.15-8.29)	3.83*(1.12-13.19)	7.87*(1.69-36.71)
20-29.9 ng/mL	2.22 (0.67-7.31)	2.61 (0.63-10.77)	5.96 (0.93-38.16)
≥ 30 ng/mL	Reference group	Reference group	Reference group
B. Women			
< 20 ng/mL	2.28 (0.83-6.21)	3.03 (0.88-10.34)	3.40 (0.78-14.71)
20-29.9 ng/mL	1.27 (0.45-3.56)	1.16 (0.34-3.95)	1.12 (0.26-4.85)
≥ 30 ng/mL	Reference group	Reference group	Reference group

**p* < 0.05 vs. reference group

Model 1: adjusted for age. Model 2: model 1 additionally adjusted for duration of diabetes, insulin use, use of thiazolidinedione, statin use, stroke, CAOD, presence of nephropathy, and neuropathy. Model 3: model 2 additionally adjusted for BMI, falling history, smoking, alcohol consumption, and regular walking.



SUMMARY and CONCLUSIONS

- Vitamin D deficiency may be **common** in patients with diabetes
- **Experimental studies** indicate a biologically plausible role of vitamin D on glucose metabolism (vitamin D may modulate insulin secretion and sensitivity)
- **Longitudinal observational studies** suggest that vitamin D levels are inversely associated with the incidence of diabetes in different populations, including populations with prediabetes
- Most **intervention clinical trials** are **inconclusive** for a role of vitamin D supplementation on diabetes prevalence (mostly performed in subjects with normal vitamin D levels)
- In diabetic patients vitamin D might improve glucose control and impact on the risk/outcome of major complications
- There is very **limited information** about the role of **vitamin D supplementation for skeletal health** in diabetic patients



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